BILLS FOR PAY AND ALLOWANCES—PRE-AUDIT OF.

29. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): With reference to question No. 211, and the answers thereof, dated 6th August 1934, will the Government be pleased to supply the information on the subject during the interval between the present time and the period, covered by the answers under reference?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): The system of pre-auditing arrear claims of pay and allowances less than six months old as obtained till 14th Kumbham 1113 has been given up. At present claims which are older than six months only are subjected to pre-audit. Too much time and labour would be needed to trace the number of days each of the bills took to undergo pre-audit in the Office of the Comptroller of Finance and Accounts since 11th Karkadagam 1109 and it will not be commensurate with the advantage to be derived from the task.

EXCISE OFFICERS—ASSAULT ON.

30. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Excise Commissioner or any officer of that Department has received any report in 1113 of any assault made on a peon or peons of the Excise Department at Peramangalam, Trichur Taluk;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative who has made the report; to whom was the report made; who were the persons on whom the charge of assault was made;

(*c*) has the Excise Department made any enquiries as to the truth of the report; has any Police officer enquired into this case; what was the result of the enquiry;

(*d*) whether the case was taken to a court of law at the instance of the Excise Department?

Mr. M. K. Raman (*Commissioner of Excise*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Excise peons Nos. 48 and 90. The report was received by the Commissioner through the proper channel.

Name of persons on whom the charge of assault was made:—

1. Karanankottu Unnaikan of Peramangalam desom.
2. Do. Makkotha do.
3. Do. Sankaran do.
4. Thatathil Raman Indappan do.
5. Manakkalath Sankaran do.

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